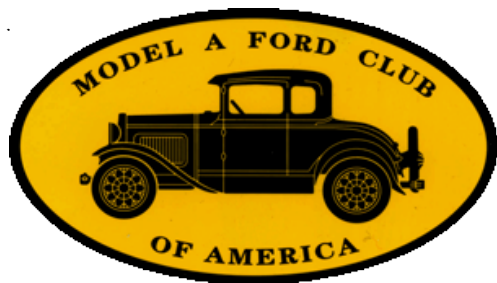


DIAMOND TREAD NEWS



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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GENERAL MEETING - April 7th

24 Hour Real Estate at 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

8635 Florence Avenue, Downey

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OCMAFC PANCAKE BREAKFAST - April 12th

Hart Park, 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

701 S. Glassell Street, Orange, CA

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RED HOT SPARKS - April 14th

Stox Restaurant at 11:30 a.m.

9518 Imperial Hwy, Downey

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WEEKLY BREAKFAST - Thursdays

Village Café at 8:00 a.m.

4148½ N. Viking Way, Long Beach



THE STEERING WHEEL: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all you 'A' people,

Did you catch Keith Costello's article about the Natchez Trace Parkway in the latest Restorer? He describes it as a 444-mile two-lane road with limited access, maintained by the National Park system, that winds through Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee. It sounds like a scenic route perfect for Model A's! While researching, I learned that "Trace" means "Trail," and this one has centuries of history and use behind it. That really piqued my interest and made me wish I could take my Model A for a drive on a quiet country road—ideally somewhere a lot closer to home. If you know of a trace or a two-lane road please let me know!

To paraphrase another writer:

How to Stop Worrying and Love the Stalled Project by Joe Eaton, via Haggerty Magazine.

Joe suggests that sometimes we put pressure on ourselves or feel judged when we have stalled projects. We might also worry about leaving unfinished work for our families. He argues there's no need for such stress—enjoy life, live well, and live fast. As he puts it, "If a person doesn't leave behind a couple of unfinished projects, he isn't living right."



Wishing you a pleasant April,

See you again on the 7th,

Bill

Diamond Tread

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER MISSION

The purpose of our club is to enjoy, preserve and protect Model A Fords.

To serve as a medium of exchange of ideas, information and parts for our members and to aid them in their efforts to restore their Model A to its original likeness. It shall further be the purpose of this club to help its members to become better acquainted, encourage and maintain the spirit of good fellowship, sociality, and fair play through sponsored activities, including the use of the Model A Ford and family participation.

The club shall be non-commercial, non-sectarian, and non-partisan. All monies shall be used for club activities and functions as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

MEETING MINUTES

DIAMOND TREAD CHAPTER
of the MODEL A FORD CLUB OF AMERICA
General Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2026

Location: 24-Hour Real Estate, Downey

29 meeting attendees

- General Meeting opened by President Bill P. at 6:35 p.m. and Vice President Leroy to led the flag salute
- Bill P. stated that the Veterans Stadium in Long Beach was not torn down, so we will continue with the annual Model A swap meet on July 18, 2026
- Bill P. asked members to raise their hands if they were interested in either a new goldenrod t-shirt or polo shirt with our Diamond Tread logos. T-shirts will have logo on front and bigger one on back, and polo shirt will be an embroidery logo on front. There was an interest and we will decide which vendor to use by next meeting.
- Bill P. checked with members to be sure everyone was getting his email to us and the newsletter from Rex, our editor.
- Ed and his son are opening a new business in Pomona and he invited us to visit May 9 and then have a free to us hot dog roast and refreshments - more info next meeting
- Due to rain the Southern Calif Regional Group (SCRG) free lunch was cancelled; they plan to have it March 21 from 11-2 p.m. in Cypress - sign up sheet was sent around.
- Bobbi and Jonnie went to the Little League Grand Opening and Parade in Garden Grove - she said it was fun but she was disappointed that more Model As did not show up. Only 2 cars showed up. We need to attend events as a group as the kids need positive kudos from adults and it is so much fun.
- Bill B. handed out the 2026 tour schedule to each member present. Fullerton Train Museum is this Saturday at 8:30 a.m. we meet at Spring and Palo Verde to be at museum at 9:30 a.m. Maps will be handed out at meeting site before we leave.
- Louise, our treasurer, gave her financial statement. She also recognized the Spearman's donation of \$300 to Henry's Helpers for getting their car repaired and running. They appreciate it very much.
- Pauline asked members if everyone read February meeting minutes, is there a motion to pass the minutes as read? Motion, second and passed.
- Chuck, Henry Helpers - nothing new to report.
- David O. stated he would like to learn Model A repair as his car is in his garage and he would like to learn how to repair it. Chuck said they would call him when they go repair a car.

MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

- Chris brought a fun contest for us to individually guess how many parts were used in the assembly of a Model A; he determined a winner after our snack time
- Ken and June thanked everyone for Henry's Helpers getting their car running. It pulls to the left, so now he is going to work on front end and brakes. It's insured now so he did test drive it.
- Bill P. asked if anyone else wants to say anything, none, ok go for raffle tickets and Martie and Wayne brought refreshments and water for tonight - we thank you! We had 15 minutes to socialize and buy tickets.
- Bill P. called meeting back to order and Chris came up to find out who won the Snap-on Tool hat. So Chris started with who has 600, then 1000, then 3000, then 4000, then 5000, then 6000. Bill B. our tour guide won the hat his guess was closet to 6,800 pieces.
- Door prizes: Chris won cotter pins, Jim B. won a 2026 calendar, and the money winners were Larry R., David O., and the club.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Sincerely,

Pauline Issa
Secretary



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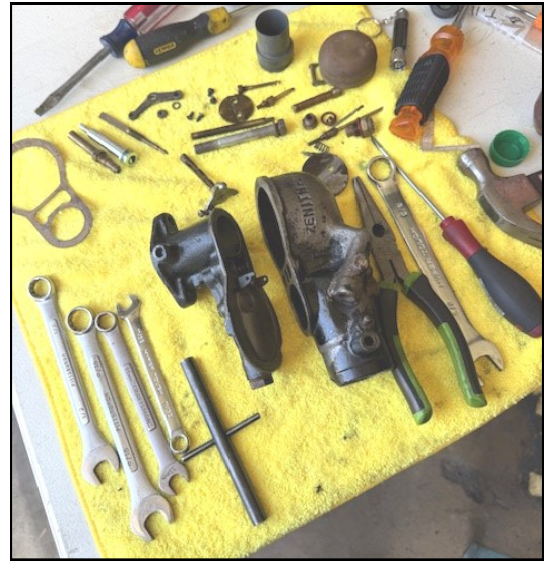
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HENRY'S HELPERS!

This is David Orozco - I'm a fairly new member. I was invited by club member Larry Ryan to help disassemble a Zenith Carburetor. I went to his house today 3/15 and he instructed me how to disassemble a carburetor he was working on. We broke everything down and prepared the parts for cleaning. Afterwards he gave me a ride in his 1929 A and we went to lunch. It was an informative and enjoyable time!



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Larry Ryan fixing exhaust manifold gasket leaks on Pauline Issa's 1928 sports coupe 3/12/2026.
Bless Henry's Helpers!



PRESIDENT BILL'S PAGE

Included in the raffle at the general meeting on April 7th will be:

2 sets of two tickets for the LONG BEACH GRAND PRIX for Friday April 17th 2026!



The La Palma Festival of Nations Parade is on Saturday, April 25th.

As the club has done before, the organizers would like at least 4 cars to chauffeur dignitaries down the short parade route on April 25th.

A colorful poster for the Festival of Nations. The background is light blue with yellow stars and flowers. At the top, 'FESTIVAL OF NATIONS' is written in large, bold, purple letters. Below that, 'SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026' is written in red. Underneath, 'PARADE: 10:30 A.M.' and 'FESTIVAL: 11:30 A.M.' are written in purple. A white rounded rectangle contains a list of details: 'PARADE | 10:30 A.M.' with a description of the route; 'FESTIVAL | 11:30 A.M.' with location and activities; 'ACTIVITY WRISTBANDS ON SALE STARTING APRIL 13'; and 'PARKING AVAILABLE AT CENTRAL PARK, CITY HALL & EDISON RIGHT-OF-WAY'. At the bottom, 'FREE ADMISSION' is written in blue, and a purple button contains the URL 'lapalmaca.gov/festival'.

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Red Hot Sparks Luncheon

When: April 14th, 11:30 am

Where: Stox Restaurant

9518 Imperial Hwy, Downey 90242

Hosted by Marilyn Freese

RSVP before April 10th

Call (562) 431-5032 or email

jfreese109@gmail.com

**All ladies of Diamond Tread
and Whittier Chapters are welcome**

*The Red Hot Sparks Meet on the 2nd
Tuesday Of Each Month*

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HOSPITALITY

April: Pauline Issa

May: Steve Sixt

June: Vicky Bartlett

July: Chris Risdon

August: Leroy Kehret

September: Dennis Stephens

October: Larry & Bonnie Ryan

November: Ralph Neely

TOURS

Hey thanks for coming to the Fullerton Train Museum - it showed how nice train travel was in the 1920's and 1930's. This is a small museum but interesting. There is still active trains going by the museum. There was a large turn out and we will see you at the next event soon.

Thanks!

Bill Bahr

Tour Director

Photos by
Bill Bahr



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American Honda Collection Hall Cars and Coffee

April 11, 2026 (Saturday)

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www.honda.com/collection-hall

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Orange County Model A Ford Club

Pancake Breakfast

April 12, 2026 (Sunday)

Hart Park

7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

701 S. Glassell Street

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May - Stanley Ranch Museum in Garden Grove

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June - Cornerstone Church Car Show and Pancake Breakfast in Long Beach

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July 18 - Long Beach Model T Club Swap Meet at Veteran's Stadium in Long Beach

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September 5 - Old Town Music Theatre in El Segundo

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October - Long Beach Model T Club Tour to the Grand Canyon (3 days)

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December - Diamond Tread Holiday Luncheon and Officer Installation

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



Orange County Model A Ford Club

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell St, Orange, California

7:30am-11am

We look forward to seeing you & your Model A's (& other classics)



Adults \$10
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Juice, Hot Cocoa & Hot Coffee*

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST PARKING

Entrance & Parking

All cars will enter/exit on Shaffer St off of East La Veta Ave.

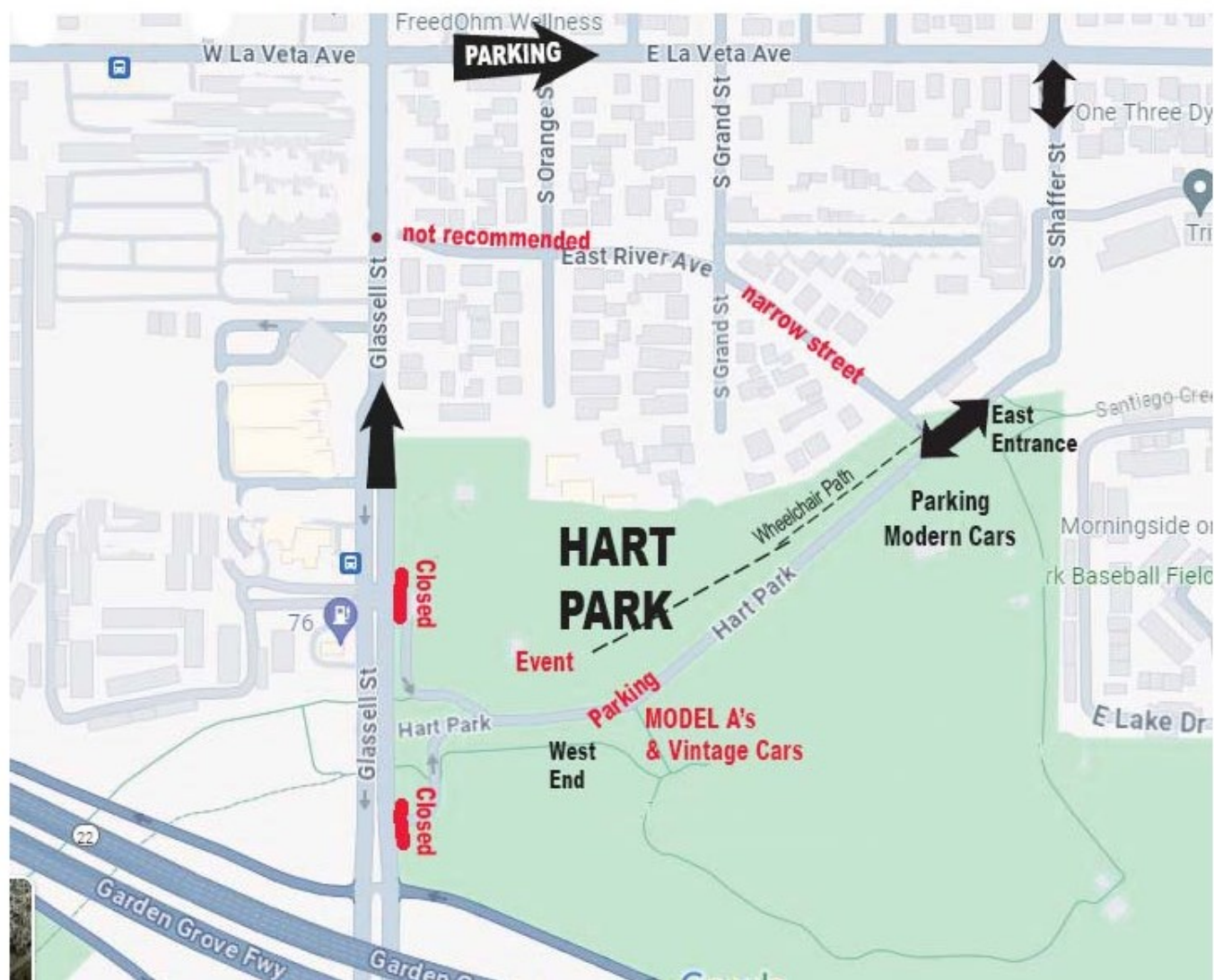
Modern cars will park immediately at the East end of the parking lot near entrance.

Model A's and vintage cars will continue thru the parking lot to the West end.

Best access for handicap and wheelchairs is the **Modern car parking area at the East end of lot**. Handicap parking at West end of the lot requires climbing steep, concrete stairs to the event.

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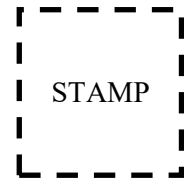

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